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Amendments to the Claims

1-18. (canceled).

19. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~18~~ 38, further comprising prior to step (c):

determining through operation of the banking machine that the identification value corresponds to a hardware embedded identification value in the banking machine.

20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~20~~ 39, further comprising:

- d) determining that the terminal identification value has changed; and
- e) preventing the machine from performing at least one transaction function responsive to the determination in step (d).

22-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) A method for configuring a cash dispensing automated teller machine (ATM) comprising:

- a) receiving at least one digitally signed certificate through operation of the ATM, wherein the ATM includes a cash dispenser and at least one processor, wherein the at least one certificate includes at least one serial number;
- b) verifying through operation of the at least one processor that the at least one serial number included in the at least one certificate corresponds to at least one serial number associated with at least one hardware device of the ATM;
- c) responsive to (b), configuring the ATM through operation of the at least one processor responsive to the at least one digital certificate.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein the at least one certificate includes at least one digital signature; and further comprising:

- d) prior to (c) authenticating the at least one digital signature through operation of the at least one processor;

wherein (c) is carried out responsive to (b) and (d).

30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein (a) includes receiving the at least one certificate from a server in operative connection with the ATM through a network.
31. (previously presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the at least one hardware device corresponds to at least one of a keypad, a card reader, the cash dispenser, a printer, a depositor, a CPU, and a network device.
32. (previously presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein prior to (c) the ATM is not enabled to perform at least one transaction function involving the operation of the at least one hardware device, wherein in (c) configuring the ATM includes enabling the ATM to perform the at least one transaction function involving the operation of the at least one hardware device.
33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein in (c) the at least one transaction function includes dispensing cash, wherein further comprising:
- e) dispensing cash from the ATM through operation of the cash dispenser.
34. (previously presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein (c) includes configuring the ATM responsive to at least one key provided in the at least one certificate.
35. (new) A method for configuring an automated banking machine comprising:

- a) receiving a certificate through operation of the automated banking machine, wherein the certificate includes the digital signature;
- b) authenticating at least one digital signature associated with the certificate through operation of the automated banking machine responsive to a public key of a licensing authority; and
- c) configuring the automated banking machine responsive to the certificate and authentication of the at least one digital signature in (b), including installing the at least one software component on the automated banking machine.

36. (new) A method for configuring an automated banking machine comprising:

- a) receiving a certificate through operation of the automated banking machine, wherein the certificate includes a plurality of sets of configuration rules, each set corresponding to at least one of a plurality of automated banking machines;
- b) authenticating at least one digital signature associated with the certificate through operation of the automated banking machine; and

- c) configuring the automated banking machine responsive to at least one set of configuration rules included in the certificate and authentication of the at least one digital signature in (b).

37. (new) A method for configuring an automated banking machine comprising:

- a) receiving a certificate through operation of the automated banking machine, wherein the certificate includes an expiration parameter;
- b) authenticating at least one digital signature associated with the certificate through operation of the automated banking machine;
- c) configuring the automated banking machine responsive to the certificate and authentication of the at least one digital signature in (b);
- d) determining through operation of the automated banking machine responsive to the expiration parameter that configuration of the software on the automated machine is not authorized; and
- e) preventing configuration of software on the automated banking machine responsive to the determination in (d).

38. (new) A method for configuring an automated banking machine comprising:

- a) receiving a certificate through operation of the automated banking machine, wherein the certificate includes an identification value unique to the banking machine;
- b) authenticating at least one digital signature associated with the certificate through operation of the automated banking machine; and
- c) configuring the automated banking machine responsive to the certificate and authentication of the at least one digital signature in (b).

39. (new) A method for configuring an automated banking machine comprising:

- a) receiving a certificate through operation of the automated banking machine, wherein the certificate includes a terminal identification value;
- b) authenticating at least one digital signature associated with the certificate through operation of the automated banking machine; and
- c) configuring the automated banking machine responsive to the certificate and authentication of the at least one digital signature in (b), including associating the machine with the terminal identification value.